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Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Reynold Martin for his contributions to the community and his role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DALE W. JOHNSON

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the life of Dale W. Johnson—a leader of the Makah Tribe who recently passed away.

Dale Johnson served as chairman of the Makah Tribal Council and the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission. He led efforts to restore the Makah halibut, black cod, and whiting fisheries. Dale was also active within community sporting activities including basketball, football, and the traditional war canoe races. I was grateful for his partnership, and I was always honored to work with him on the critical issues impacting his Tribe.

I am humbled to speak in recognition of Dale. I join his family and the Makah Tribe in mourning his passing, but also in recognizing that his good work will contribute to the community for generations to come.

HONORING CURTIS WAYNE SUTHERLAND JR.

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Curtis Wayne Sutherland Jr. of Wytheville, Virginia, who passed away on October 9, 2022. As a public servant of his hometown for four decades, Wayne Sutherland successfully planned and managed significant projects to grow and improve Wytheville.

Mr. Sutherland was born on October 31, 1951, to Curtis Sutherland and Margaret Myers of Wytheville. He attended Virginia Tech and graduated in 1975 with a degree in civil engineering. After earning his degree, he taught at Wytheville Community College. As he later recounted to the Wytheville Enterprise, Mr. Sutherland had applied to a job in Virginia Beach but had not heard back; the Postal Service tardily delivered a letter inviting him to interview for the job a few months after starting at the community college. But he preferred to stay in Wytheville anyway. He took a job as Wytheville's assistant town manager in 1980. Four years later, he was elevated to town manager, a job he held until his retirement in 2020.

Under Mr. Sutherland's leadership, Wytheville enjoyed enhancements to its infrastructure as well as amenities to boost the town's quality of life and appeal to visitors. He put his training as a civil engineer to good use

by overseeing water, road, and building construction and improvements. He also established parks, trails, and green spaces. One of his favorite spots was his first park project, Elizabeth Brown Memorial Park.

Residents of Wytheville can appreciate Mr. Sutherland's contributions to the town when they enjoy the quality of its public services or take advantage of its scenic and recreational opportunities. He modestly attributed his success as town manager over several decades to his ability to delegate, but his contributions were enormous.

Mr. Sutherland was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Will. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Faye Foglesong Sutherland; daughter, Jamie Pauley (Robert Patton); son, Curtis Sutherland (Hillary); sister, Sandra Sowers (David); and brother-in-law, John Scott (Sue). I offer them my condolences on the loss of this public servant who offered so much to his hometown.

AWARDING CORPORAL CHARLES "CHARLIE" COOPER A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored with the privilege of presenting Corporal Charles "Charlie" S. Cooper, U.S. Army/Air Force with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. Throughout his life, Charlie was known for being a jack of all trades but remains humble and kind.

During his 3 years of military service, Corporal Cooper had some very important duties. Charlie's squadron was top secret, monitoring and decoding Japanese communication regarding the movements of the enemy and upcoming attacks on America and allied forces. Because his squadron was able to break up the codes and could relay the information within the strict timelines of the Japanese, the Air Force was able to eliminate incoming enemy attacks. While he served, Charlie was stationed in many different countries across the Pacific Theatre, including New Guinea, Dutch East Indies, the Philippines, and Tokyo where he was stationed when WWII ended.

Other than defending our nation, Charlie worked in the Aircraft manufacturing industry for 29 years, where he worked from maintenance all the way up to become a manufacturing foreman. He has many hobbies which consist of staying active in his church, where he sung in the choir until recently. One of the reasons Charlie resides in Rains County is because he wanted to enjoy his favorite past time, bass fishing, where he could do so on Lake Fork.

I commend Corporal Cooper for his undoubtedly brave service to this country and his community. He is a fitting recipient of a Congressional Veteran Commendation and I celebrate his service.

HONORING DR. FREDDIE YOUNG

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians to recognize Dr. Freddie Young for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, the date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Dr. Freddie Young's commitment to preserving Miami's rich Bahamian culture and history has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

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AWARDING LIEUTENANT COLONEL DEWEY RAY COLLIER A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Lieutenant Colonel Dewey Ray Collier II with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Army exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Lieutenant Colonel Collier is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Lieutenant Colonel Collier began his military duty as a Non-Commissioned Officer where he was assigned as a Platoon Sergeant. Leading twenty enlisted soldiers whose responsibility was to upkeep and operate twelve UH1H Helicopters, Lieutenant Colonel Collier played a crucial role in supporting combat and non-combat missions. With the promotion to Junior Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Collier was tasked with caring for neonatal infants and providing emotional support to families.

Lieutenant Colonel Collier began his medical responsibilities for the military as a Mid Level Officer. Using decorated medical knowledge and an impressive skill set, his involvement in life-saving surgery and non-combat surgical procedures included: open heart, vascular, neurology, and trauma nursing duties. Upon his promotion to Senior Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Collier continued challenging the lives of servicemen by coordinating all aspects of surgical services.

After the attack on the twin towers in 2001, Lieutenant Colonel Collier deployed to support Operation Enduring Freedom, spending time in Kuwait as part of the 555th Forward Surgical Team. His unit extended its duties in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom where Lieutenant Colonel Collier's unit became the first unit to reach Baghdad.